

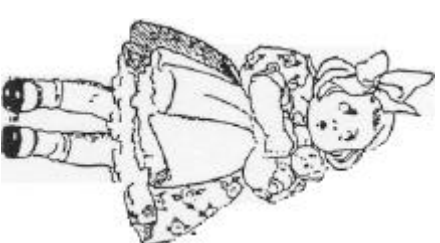
# **Child Care Training and Resource Kit**

## **Healthy Sexual Growth and Development**

### **Teacher Notes**

## Risk Factors Related to the Environment

- Child who molest lives with the victim
- Child who molests has access to vulnerable children
- Economic stressors
- Poor supervision
- No Sense of orderliness or predictability in the child's life



## Risk Index

Various factors related to the abusive sexual behavior, the child, the family, and the home environment can be evaluated to estimate the seriousness of the child's problematic sexual behaviors. The greater the number of factors present, the more serious the behavior and the higher risk of a further offense. This index is based on clinical experience and has not been empirically verified. Future research will result in a weighting of the factors.

## Risk Factors Related to the Child



- Display oppositional behaviors
- Has poor peer relationships/coping skills/self-concept/academic records/few, if any, friends
- Disregards rules and regulations at school, at home, in the community
- Is aggressive at school, home, or neighborhood toward adults and/or children
- Destroys own property and/or the property of others
- Threatens others with harm
- Behavior is beyond parental control
- Has no (apparent) positive affective connections with adults or children
- Extremes of affect, poor modulation of affective responses
- Is cruel to animals; sets fires
- Displays volatile temper, or rage reactions; manipulative behavior
- Has witnessed physical aggression directed at his or her primary caretaker
- Is a victim of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, abandonment or neglect
- Has low cognitive ability (in conjunction with aggressive physical and sexual behaviors)



## Risk Factors Related to the Family



- Parents-caretakers with very confused sexual boundaries and confused notions about sexuality; poor physical and emotional boundaries in the family
- Parent-caretaker uses child to meet his or her own dependency and sexual needs
- Spousal battering
- Mother with a personality disorder with dependent, narcissistic, and borderline characteristics, and depressive features
- Psychiatric diagnoses in parents
- History of prostitution; history of living in motels, the street, or cars
- History of violence and impulsivity in the family to which the child has been privy
- History of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse to parents themselves; history of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse to other family members
- History of child protective services or police involvement with the family



## Risk Factors Related to Problematic Sexual Behaviors

- Denies the sexual behavior, although there is good evidence that it occurred
- Dislikes or has a highly ambivalent relationship to the other child
- Has no relationship to the child with whom he or she engaged in the sexual behavior
- Planned the sexual behavior without the knowledge of the other child
- Doesn't seem to care that the other child might be hurt physically or emotionally
- Other child is highly vulnerable
- Blames other people or circumstances, takes no responsibility for the sexual behavior
- Has a history of sexual behaviors apart from this incident
- Caught multiple times for coercive sexual behavior
- Hurt the other child while engaging in the sexual behavior
- Has very intrusive sexual behavior
- Recruited other children to engage in the sexual behavior with him or her
- Doesn't think it was serious to engage in coercive sexual behavior
- Used physical strength to gain compliance of other child
- Bribed, teased, coerced, or threatened other child
- Used threats or other leverage to reinforce secrecy

